

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

March 13, 2014

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present : Donald Proefrock, Robert Jewell, Jennifer Keggan, Connie Adasavage, Michael Misertino, Elaine Drazek and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Drew Di Sessa, Laura Valderrama, and Dawn Smith

Also Present: Ruth Pante', James McMekin, and James Moriarity

Mrs. Fascenelli announced that Ms. Valderrama will be relocating and therefore resigning from the Green Team. Laura, best of luck in your future endeavors.

**Zumbathon:** Ms. Keggan advised there were 5 instructors for the event and approximately 50 people attended. The event was a success. Mrs. Adasavage stated that some of the Township's seniors asked if there was Zumba for seniors. Mrs. Fascenelli will check with Ms. Valderrama.

**Rain Barrel Workshop:** Ms. Keggan advised all applicable documents were submitted to Sustainable Jersey for the \$ 2,000.00 grant on Friday, January 24th. Mrs. Fascenelli has been in contact with Pequest Trout Hatchery and they are very interested in hosting this event. Pequest was planning an event as well. Ms. Liz Jackson (Pequest Trout Hatchery) has been working with Matt Barr (AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador) in order to obtain barrels and to have Mr. Barr instruct the workshop. Mrs. Fascenelli advised that Mr. Barr will be able to obtain free barrels from Coke-A-Cola located in PA. If the Green Team is awarded the grant; then hardware, caulk, etc. can be purchased from grant funds.

It was suggested that a survey be conducted in order to gauge how many residents would be interested in participating.

**Dedication by Rider:** Mrs. Fascenelli said the Green Team should consider requesting approval from the Township Committee and the State for a dedication by rider. This would allow the Green Team to accept donations and have a dedicated trust account.

**Recycling Event:** A total of 10.645 Tons (21,290 #'s) of recyclables were collected during the November 16, 2013 recycling event.

**Ongoing Projects:**

**Carbon Footprint** – Mr. Proefrock will continue to work on this project.

**Purchasing Resolution** – Mrs. Fascenelli will continue to work on this project.

**Community Garden** – The Mansfield Township Committee approved converting the old tennis courts into a community garden. Mrs. Fascenelli will obtain a copy of a letter the Clerk received giving state approval as well. A sub-committee was established (Mr. McMekin, Mrs. Adasavage, Ms. Keggan, Mr. Proefrock, and Mrs. Fascenelli). Mr. McMekin is involved in Washington Township's (Warren County) community garden and will be the lead on this project. Mr. Jewell stated there is a pile of dirt at the end of the trail and was wondering if top soil was part of the pile. Mrs. Fascenelli will check with the Department of Public Works for their input.

**Backyard Composting** – Pequest Trout Hatchery has volunteered their auditorium for this project. Mrs. Fascenelli will contact Pequest to make the necessary arrangements for an event to be held in May or June.

**ANJEC Open Space Grants for Environmental Commissions** – Applications are due Wednesday, April 2, 2014. Mrs. Adasavage will contact ANJEC regarding same.

**SCHEDULED EVENTS:**

**April 27, 2014** – Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection Event – Warren County District Landfill 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**June 21, 2014** – Mansfield Township Community Day  
Mansfield Township Clean Communities will sponsor Rizzo's Reptiles for this event.

**July 23, 2014** – Liberty National Moth Week – Pequest Trout Hatchery 6:30 pm – 11:00 pm.

**August 16, 2014** – Washington Township (Morris County) Green Fair

**October 4, 2014** – Mansfield Township Free Paper Shredding Event – Department of Public Works Garage – 1710 Route 57 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli